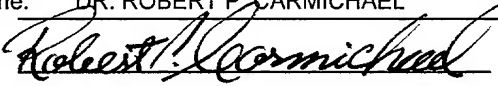
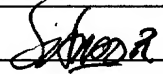


DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)

Title of Invention	SELF-DRILLING IMPLANT		
<p>As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:</p> <p>This declaration is directed to:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The attached application, or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application No. _____, filed on _____,</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> as amended on _____ (if applicable);</p> <p>I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;</p> <p>I/ we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;</p> <p>I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the National or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if applicable; and</p> <p>All statements made herein of my/own knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.</p>			
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41 (a) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled SELF-DRILLING IMPLANT described in

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